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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefing on Soviet Space Activities for Marcia Smith, Congressional Research Service, and Rad Byerly, House Committee on Science and Technology

1. On 12 April 1985, Marcia Smith and Rad Byerly were given an update on certain Soviet space activities by DI/OSWR analysts [redacted]

[redacted] The briefing took place in 1F81 from 1400-1600. [redacted]

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2. The Congressional staffers periodically request such an update. At this session they sought information on the Soviet space station and on the development of reusable space vehicles and two new launch vehicles. The discussion began with the current status of the SALYUT-7 space station [redacted]

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[redacted] The briefing then turned to Soviet launch vehicles. The briefers indicated that the two systems under development--a TITAN-Class medium-lift launch vehicle and a SATURN V-Class heavy-lift vehicle--will probably be tested in the next several years. Meanwhile, the Soviets continue to work on a space shuttle which probably will deliver personnel and components to Soviet space complexes. Lastly, there was discussion of Soviet development of a space plane [redacted]

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[redacted] The briefers pointed out that there are significant gaps in intelligence information regarding Soviet space developments, including planning and intent. [redacted]

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3. The Hill staffers expressed full satisfaction with the content of the briefing and indicated they would return for another update later in the year. [redacted]

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